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SUBJECT:SEALAND NOT ACCEPTING CONTAINER SHIPMENTS FOR
NICARAGUA

REF: MANAGUA 4696

1. DEPARTMENT EQUALLY PUZZLED BY INITIAL UNCOMMUNICATIVE-
NESS OF SEALAND NY OFFICE REGARDING REASON BEHIND COMPANY'S
REFUSAL TO ACCEPT CARGOES FOR NICARAGUA.

2. ELIZABETH, NJ OFFICE STATES CURRENT PROBLEM IS NOT THE
RESULT OF ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH GON AS PREVIOUSLY IMPLIED,
BUT DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE COMPANY'S CENTRAL AMERICAN
OPERATION IS PRESENTLY OVEREXTENDED BECAUSE OF UNFORESEEN
DEVELOPMENTS. SEALAND IS FACED WITH A BACKLOG OF CONTAINER
SHIPMENTS IN PANAMA CAUSED BY THE GOP DECREETING FIVE UNEX-
PECTED HOLIDAYS IN THE RECENT PAST AND HAS AN INSUFFICIENT
NUMBER OF CHASSIS AVAILABLE LOCALLY TO COPE WITH THE
PROBLEM. THE SITUATION HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED FURTHER BY THE
UNEXPECTED DEMAND ON THE COMPANY AND ITS POOL OF EMPTY
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CONTAINERS TO MOVE MILITARY CARGOES TO THE CANAL ZONE

BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE FAILURE OF ANOTHER AMERICAN LINE TO
FULFILL ITS COMMITMENTS WITH THE DOD. CONSEQUENTLY, SEALAND
HAS HAD TO TEMPORARILY STOP ACCEPTING CARGO BOOKINGS FOR
NICARAGUA. THE COMPANY HOPES TO RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS TO

NICARAGUA BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. KISSINGER

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